

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, October 24, 2013

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Roger stated that he reviewed the previous public hearing draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous public hearing minutes as written. Sue seconded.

RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Roger stated that he also reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate as well. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Sue moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, B. Murphy, D. Werbeck, J. Martell, T. Baker, G. Harrison, D. Rice, J. Presley, G. Horning, R. Huth, M. Stauffer

### Old Business

Sue reported that she reviewed the sidewalk access in front of Sarchione's lot after the public comment made at the last meeting. She took measurements and pictures and found them to be correct. Sue also stated that the State Highway Patrol was contacted and they did not find any problems with the sidewalk. A resident commented to Sue that the sidewalk is the best it has ever been for over 60 years. Sue commented that the Sarchione's have corrected everything that there was a complaint about. She stated anyone can talk directly to them if they have a concern.

Roger asked Darrin to speak about the requested Moyer Field improvements. Darrin thanked the trustees and the township employees for all their help. He stated that Hot Stove has money left over to make some improvements at Moyer Field. He asked if the township is willing to pitch in some funds to make their money go further. Darrin stated that it has been quite a while since dirt was added to the fields. He estimated that it would take about 100-150 tons per field. Hot Stove received an estimate of \$3,000 per field from Scott Miller. Darrin stated that there are seven fields and they would like to do as many as possible. Sue asked how long the last addition lasted. Mike commented that not much maintenance has been done over the years. Sue asked about possible donations from the Lions Club fundraiser and long-time resident who asked to help the township in some way. Sue thought they may be able to get enough donations to cover the cost. Darrin reported that they have about \$18,000-\$20,000 this year and usually carry-over a balance of \$5,000 per year. Darrin thought they could not get to the back fields until next year. Darrin would also like to put in dug outs like the high school. There was discussion about the feasibility of dug outs and the total cost for the improvements.

### New Business

Mike has nothing at this time.

Sue reported that a resident mentioned to her that the school board and township meetings are on the same night and asked if we could do a different day. She commented that the Superintendent has also heard the same request. Roger feels we should address this in January at the reorganizational meeting.

Roger reported on a meeting he had with Deputy Dale Kelly from Portage County Sheriff's Office (PCSO). The Sheriff would like to provide enhanced service to us and Suffield. Suffield contacted PCSO for extra service. The PCSO currently has contracts with Franklin Township and Sugar Bush Knolls. Roger stated that they would provide 20 hours of dedicated service to each township. Plan A would be \$48 per hour for a cruiser in Randolph Township with no charge for court time or employee benefits. PCSO would provide the car, fuel, and maintenance. Plan B would cost \$28 per hour and require us to purchase a car which they would equip. We could work with Suffield to purchase the car. We would be responsible for the fuel and maintenance. Roger reported that no additional insurance would be required. The PCSO is trying to do to provide more service to townships than they currently receive. They cannot do that due to budget constraints imposed by the commissioners. A study in Suffield showed the most responses from PCSO to be between 4-12 p.m. Mike is interested in hearing more. Sue commented that the biggest concern is drug problems and meth houses. She stated she is not sure if it would help and asked where the money would come from. Roger will contact Deputy Kelly to attend the next meeting. Sue commented that at the EMA meeting the biggest concern is cell phone service in a crisis. It was recommended that each home have a land line for emergency. There was an issue Saturday night of the fair when there was no cell service. Larry asked what the most reported problem in Randolph was. Roger did not ask.

Mary reported that she received information from OPERS regarding membership for our zoning boards. According to OPERS zoning board members that paid per meeting do not meet the membership requirement. Mary will send information to OPERS to begin the refund process.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 192 – 199 totaling \$17,466.17 and pay warrants 34851 – 34896, and EFT/vouchers 242 – 255 totaling \$69,115.01. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on equipment delivery/repairs, road maintenance/mowing, cemetery maintenance, brush trimming. Larry commented they are pleased with the new excavator. He would like to order two hand held radios for use in the excavator to contact Dan. Larry reported that Scott Miller has completed the installation of the new gas line and Dominion installed the new meter.

Dan presented the Administrative Assistant report. No permits were issued. There was one lot split. The next Zoning Commission meeting will be November 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting on November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC and requested that the trustees be in attendance. Dan is working on the publication of the new zoning book. It will be printed after the effective date of November 10.

Roger read two letters from Chief Lang. The first letter requested that Matthew Winters receive his second step pay increase. Chief Lang also requested a 3% cost of living adjustment which all other full-time employees received last year except Matt. Roger explained the pay plan when Matt was hired. Roger feels the request is reasonable. Roger moved to increase Matt Winters pay to \$16.48 per hour effective October 20, 2013. Sue seconded. Discussion: Sue asked if there is money for the increase. Mary stated that she and Chief Lang took this into consideration when reviewing the fire department budget. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

The second letter regarding the conversion of paper patient reports to electronic reports. Chief Lang researched the need for two laptops and software. Chief Lang requested approval of \$9,158 for the purchase of two laptops with the appropriate software. Mike feels we do not have much choice. Roger moved to appropriate \$9,158 for two laptop computers and software. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

### **Public Comment**

Roger stated that we received a legal document from Gary's attorney and have been advised not to discuss any zoning issue. Gary asked Sue to explain her comments. Sue explained that a resident complained at the last meeting regarding access of the sidewalk across from Sarchione Ford. Sue stated that Sarchione made the changes and paved the sidewalk which was previously gravel. Residents can walk very easily on it now. Sarchione's will address any complaints and correct them. Sue would like to let people know that all complaints are handled.

Joe feels that more calls per capita would justify the PCSO presence. He feels it is something to look at. Mike commented that it is always a concern with senior citizens with no PCSO presence. PCSO is always available but cannot guarantee the time.

Gary reported that the Food Shelf will be packing 150 Thanksgiving Baskets on November 25 in the CC at 10:00 a.m. The baskets will contain a full dinner for the family. They have been doing this for 15 years. The Food Shelf is grateful for the food drives at Sarchione and East Manufacturing in October and to Double D for the donation of 32 hams. The local schools will be holding food drives in November. The Food Shelf is serving 25 families per week.

Rick commented that he heard Hyde's were going to use the grindings from 224 to fix their parking lot. Sue stated that the last time Rick brought up the parking lot issue it was addressed. Sue stated that the township cannot do anything personally. Sue will ask them again to fix the parking lot. There was discussion about the condition of the parking lot. Rick asked about the post office relocating. The trustees have not heard anything more on any relocation.


Terry reported that he has done about 70 hours of improvements on his property. Terry stated that Windham Village, Mogadore, and Garrettsville get the same coverage. Mike stated they do not since it their own departments. PCSO only helps if an officer is in need.

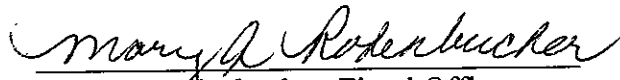
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Rick asked how often the PCSO is in town. Mike sees them quite often. Roger feels it is a way to generate funds for patrol service. Sue stated that we tried to get reports to put on web site, but it is difficult to put together.

Bob asked if the township would get a percentage of the fines from tickets. Roger commented that was his first question. The fines only go to the county's general fund. There was discussion about a Justice of Peace. Bob asked if the RFD provides a copy of the report to the patient. Mike stated no as it is confidential. The information is for hospital/medical treatment only. A patient may request a report.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Roger Klodt, Chairman

  
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Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer